

Forest Practices and Biomass Harvest Workgroup 2011/12 Timeline & Strategy

June 9, 2011; 2 hours

Purpose:

- Review Timeline & Strategy proposal and arrive at consensus on timeline, process, content, and potential outcomes.

June 30, 2011; 4 hours

Washington's Forest Practice Rules

Purpose:

- Forest Practices Program staff will provide an overview of Washington's Forest Practice rules and how biomass harvest is impacted by them.

Who: Forest Practice staff to provide overview of rules. In particular, the following sections: Chapter 222-10 WAC, Chapter 222-16 WAC, Chapter 222-21 WAC, Chapter 222-22 WAC, Chapter 222-23 WAC, Chapter 222-24 WAC, Chapter 222-30 WAC, Chapter 222-34 WAC, Chapter 222-46 WAC.

July 28, 2011; 8 hours

Olympic Peninsula Biomass Tour

Purpose:

- Watch biomass collection in Western Washington in action. Group will tour several biomass harvest operations (before, during, after). See how Forest Practice rules are being implemented on the ground.

Who: DNR will arrange tours and provide participants with information on meeting time/place. Please plan on an entire day for the tours.

August 19, 2011; 4 hours

Best Management Practices/Resource Considerations/Field Tour Debrief

Purpose:

- Gain a deeper understanding of existing biomass harvest BMP's. Learn about the details of these standards/guidelines.

Who: Representatives from the Environmental Caucus lead with support from Tribes, WDFW, and other interested stakeholders to present to DNR BMP's for biomass harvest and identify BMP's that they believe are sufficient to maintain ecological health.

September 19, 2011; 8 hours

Soil Health and Productivity (Matlock Field Trip)

Purpose:

- Compare Washington's Forest Practice Rules [WAC 222-30-020, and others] to the BMP's (presented in September meeting) related to soil health and productivity (nutrients, soil compaction, litter removal).
- Discuss whether changes related to soil health and productivity are needed in Washington's Forest Practice Rules.

- If yes, identify what rule changes or other solutions can be implemented to address deficiencies.
- If 'no,' resolve, as a group, that Washington's Forest Practice rules are sufficient in this area.

Silviculture/Roads

Purpose:

- Compare Washington's Forest Practice rules [Chapter 222-20 WAC, Chapter 222-34 WAC, WAC 222-30-021, WAC 222-30-080, WAC 222-30-020, WAC 222-24-035, and others] to the BMP's (presented in September meeting) related to silvicultural practices (planning, regeneration, residual stands, post-operations, re-entry, roads and skid trail layouts).
- Discuss whether changes related to silviculture and roads are needed in Washington's Forest Practice Rules.
 - If yes, identify what rule changes or other solutions can be implemented to address deficiencies.
 - If 'no,' resolve, as a group, that Washington's Forest Practice rules are sufficient in this area.

NOTE: Participants should send all peer reviewed science related to soil health and productivity post timber/biomass harvest sites to Rachael Jamison no later than September 1, 2011. These documents will be used to support the discussion and any modifications that are deemed necessary to the Forest Practice rules.

October 26, 2011; 4 hours

Disturbance (pests, disease, fire, conversion)

Purpose:

- Compare Washington's Forest Practice rules [WAC 222-50, Chapter 222-38 WAC, WAC 222-20 and others] to the BMP's (presented in September meeting) related to silvicultural practices (planning, regeneration, residual stands, post-operations, re-entry, roads and skid trail layouts).
- Discuss whether changes related to various disturbance situations are needed in Washington's Forest Practice Rules.
 - If yes, identify what rule changes or other solutions can be implemented to address deficiencies.
 - If 'no,' resolve, as a group, that Washington's Forest Practice rules are sufficient in this area.

NOTE: Participants should send all peer reviewed science related to insects, disease, fire, fuel reduction treatments, invasive species, and forest conversion in timber/biomass operations to Rachael Jamison no later than October 12, 2011. These documents will be used to support the discussion and any modifications that are deemed necessary to the Forest Practice rules.

November 10, 2011; 3 hours

Legislative Report Work Session

The group will be given an opportunity to review the report on progress of this group required in SHB 1422. Comments on the report will be accepted until November 27, 2011. The report will be delivered to the legislature no later than December 1, 2011. The report will likely include:

- Copy of meeting agendas and notes.

- Copy of outcomes to date.
- Pictures from field trips.
- Timeline and Strategy.
- Other items per group consensus.

If opportunities arise to present this report to the 2012 Washington State Legislature, it would be the request of DNR that this be done with numerous representatives of this group.

November 30, 2011; 4 hours

Dead Wood, Slash Disposal, and Carbon Storage

Purpose:

- Compare Washington's Forest Practice rules [WAC 222-30-021, WAC 22-30-100, and others] to the BMP's (presented in September meeting) related to dead wood (course and fine woody material, snags left on site) slash disposal, and carbon storage.
- Discuss whether changes related to these topics are needed in Washington's Forest Practice Rules.
 - If yes, identify what rule changes or other solutions can be implemented to address deficiencies.
 - If 'no,' resolve, as a group, that Washington's Forest Practice rules are sufficient in this area.

NOTE: Participants should send all peer reviewed science related to dead wood (course and fine woody material, snags left on site) slash disposal, and carbon storage to Rachael Jamison no later than November 15, 2011. These documents will be used to support the discussion and any modifications that are deemed necessary to the Forest Practice rules.

January 12, 2012; 4 hours

Water Quality, Riparian Zones/Unstable Slopes, and Water Infiltration

Purpose:

- Compare Washington's Forest Practice rules [Chapter 222-22 WAC, WAC 222-30-021, Chapter 222-23 WAC, WAC 222-24-(010-015), and others] to the BMP's (presented in September meeting) related to water quality, riparian zones (erosion, wetlands, pollution), unstable slopes and water infiltration.
- Discuss whether changes related to these topics are needed in Washington's Forest Practice Rules.
 - If yes, identify what rule changes or other solutions can be implemented to address deficiencies.
 - If 'no,' resolve, as a group, that Washington's Forest Practice rules are sufficient in this area.

NOTE: Participants should send all peer reviewed science related to water quality, riparian zones (erosion, wetlands, and pollution), unstable slopes and water infiltration to Rachael Jamison no later than December 23, 2011. These documents will be used to support the discussion and any modifications that are deemed necessary to the Forest Practice rules.

February 9, 2012; 6 hours

Wildlife, Biodiversity and Cultural Resources

Purpose:

- Compare Washington's Forest Practice rules [WAC 222-10-040, WAC 222-30-020, WAC 222-24-060, and others] to the BMP's (presented in September meeting) related to wildlife, biodiversity, and cultural resources.
- Discuss whether changes related to these topics are needed in Washington's Forest Practice Rules.
 - If yes, identify what rule changes or other solutions can be implemented to address deficiencies.
 - If 'no,' resolve, as a group, that Washington's Forest Practice rules are sufficient in this area.

NOTE: Participants should send all peer reviewed science related to wildlife, biodiversity, and cultural resources to Rachael Jamison no later than February XX, 2011. These documents will be used to support the discussion and any modifications that are deemed necessary to the Forest Practice rules.

March 8, 2012, 6 hours

Sustainable Forest Biomass Collection Discussion

Purpose:

- Based on the discussions to date, determine whether any of the following further actions are needed:
 1. Recommendation to revise/modify the Forest Practice Rules.
 2. Recommendation to develop a Board Manual for biomass collection.
 3. Recommendation that no changes are necessary.
 4. Other.

April 12, 2012; 6 hours*

FPB Strategy

*Meeting only necessary if either recommendation 1 or 2 above are arrived at by group consensus.

Purpose:

- DNR will present the group with a draft recommendation package to be presented to the Forest Practice Board for feedback.

May 8, 2012

Forest Practice Board Meeting

Purpose:

- Present to the FPB the outcome/recommendations of the workgroup.
- If it was determined that rule changes were necessary, present the FPB with the proposed rule changes and request they approve the initiation of a rule making process.